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ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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DURING CONDUCT OF A COURTESY CALL ON K. MAHADEVAN OF THE WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA DIVISION IN THE MEA, EMBOFF RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE REPORTED NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND LIBYA THAT WAS AGREED TO DURING RECENT VISIT OF MAJOR JALLUD (REFTELS). MAHADEVAN IMMEDIATELY DOWN PLAYED THE ISSUE. HE SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD BRIEFED THE PRESS ON THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT AND THAT 85 TO 90 PERCENT OF WHAT THE PRESS REPORTED WAS CORRECT BUT THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR COOPERATION THAT HE KNEW OF. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT THE ONLY AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ONE IN PRINCIPLE TO AFFORD THE SAME DEGREE OF COLLABORATION WITH LIBYA AS INDIA HAS AGREED TO WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. HE
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NOTED THE LACK OF BASIC TRAINING THAT LIBYAN SCIENTISTS POSSESS AND SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE OF A FEW PROFESSORS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE IMPACT ON LIBYAN NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. HE ADDED THAT THE MEA HAS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN INDIA THAT IT CAN ALLOT TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND THAT THE GESTURE TO LIBYA WAS A VERY MODEST ONE IN THAT CONTEXT.

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